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SUBJ: IRAN-IRAQ IN SC: IRAN LETTER OF MAR 6

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER OF MAR 6 TO SC PRESIDENT
FROM IRANIAN PERMREP HOVEYDA. LETTER CIRCULATED AS
SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT S/11230.

2. QUOTE:

ON INSTRUCTION OF MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BRING
THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR ATTENTION FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

ON 4 MARCH, AT 0300 HOURS LOCAL TIME, IRAQI FORCES OPENED
FIRE WITH HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON THE IRANIAN BORDER
POSTS OF ZEYNAL KOSH, AMINEH, REZA ABAD AND TANGABKOHNEH
IN THE AREA OF KHAN LEILI OF GHASRE SHIRIN WHICH LASTED
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FOR SEVERAL HOURS. ON 5 MARCH, IRAQI FORCES RESUMED THE

SHELLING OF IRANIAN BORDER POSTS IN THE AREA OF KHAN
LEILI. IRANIAN BORDER PATROLS, ACTING IN SELF-DEFENCE,
RETURNED THE FIRE. SO FAR, ONE IRANIAN SOLDIER HAS BEEN
KILLED AND THREE HAVE BEEN INJURED. A DETAILED ACCOUNT
OF THESE INCIDENTS SHALL BE FORWARDED TO YOU UNDER A
SEPARATE COVER.

THIS LATEST EXAMPLE OF IRAQI VIOLATIONS NOT ONLY REFLECTS
HOSTILITY TOWARDS IRAN BUT IS A MANIFESTATION OF CONTEMPT
FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OF WHICH IRAQ IS A MEMBER. MY
GOVERNMENT FINDS IT INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT A STATE PLACED BY
THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN A POSITION OF PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY CAN, WHEN THE INK THEREON IS HARDLY DRY, FLOUT
A CONSENSUS WHICH IT SOUGHT, IN THE FRAMING OF WHICH IT
PARTICIPATED AND TO WHICH IT PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT AND
COOPERATION. BY CONTINUING ITS UNPROVOKED ACTS OF HOSTILITY,
IRAQ HAS PUT ITSELF IN DEFIANCE OF A CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL,
WHICH HAS, INTER ALIA, APPEALED TO THE PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM
ALL MILITARY ACTION AND FROM ANY MOVE WHICH MIGHT AGGRAVATE
THE SITUATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS MADE A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE
IRAQI EMBASSY IN TEHERAN ON 6 MARCH.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE DISTRIBUTED
AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

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